

# HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND SITUATION REPORT

## PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

REPORT #: 1	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10/5/09-10/11/09	DATE: 10/9/09	TIME: 03:00
Incident Name/Incident Type: H1N1 Response			MISSION #: 09-2887
Locations/Areas Affected: King County			
HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND CENTER (ACC) STATUS			
ACC Activation Status:	<u>ACTIVATED</u>		
Location:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site:	
Hours of Operations:	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Ops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Off Hours Emergency Contact 24/7: Public Health Duty Officer

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS/DECLARATIONS

JURISDICTIONS	NAME OF JURISDICTION	DATE	COMMENTS
County Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Washington State Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Health Declaration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sunday, 4/26/2009	The Department of Health and Human Services issued a nationwide public health emergency declaration in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered swine influenza A (H1N1) virus
Federal Disaster Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

## RESPONSE GOALS

- Protect the public's health by minimizing the spread of H1N1 influenza in the community.
- Achieve situational awareness about flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community
- Support the informational and medical resource needs of healthcare partners
- Maintain consistent and timely public information about H1N1 flu and response activities
- Maximize availability of H1N1 vaccine to protect the public's health
- Maintain continuity of Public Health operations

## SUMMARY OF EVENT

### CURRENT SITUATION

Flu activity continues to increase in King County. Four hospitalized persons with unsubtype influenza were reported to Public Health during the week ending 10/3/09. Outpatient clinic-based surveillance data shows an increase in specimens testing positive for influenza A over the last three weeks (data through 9/26). Hospital laboratories have also reported an increase in rapid flu tests being performed, and in the percent testing positive for flu over the last month. Emergency

department visits related to influenza-like illness have increased since the last week in August. Levels of school absenteeism being reported are not unusual for this time of year.

### **H1N1 VACCINE**

The first doses of King County's initial allocation of H1N1 vaccine (20,000 doses) have started to arrive to healthcare providers today, October 9. These doses are the H1N1 nasal spray formulation (FluMist®), which are being targeted to healthcare and emergency medical service workers that meet the eligibility criteria for this form of the vaccine. Shipments of this first allocation of H1N1 vaccine to healthcare providers and pharmacies will continue into next week. Additional doses of H1N1 vaccine, including both the nasal spray and injectable vaccine formulations are expected to arrive in King County over the next few weeks.

### **SEASONAL FLU VACCINE**

Healthcare providers and pharmacies are reporting shortages of seasonal flu vaccine in King County. These shortages reflect national shortages resulting from delays in seasonal flu vaccine production by manufacturers that have also been producing H1N1 vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting that 60% of the seasonal flu vaccine has been delivered nationally and projects that the remainder will be delivered later in the fall, potentially in November.

The CDC has reported that virtually all (99%) of the influenza circulating in the US is the H1N1 strain. The current priority should be on delivering H1N1 vaccine to those who want it and resuming seasonal flu vaccine delivery when additional supplies are available.

### **ANTIVIRALS**

Public Health has received an additional supply of 1770 doses of the oral suspension for Tamiflu®, which is used for treatment of pediatric patients. Public Health is developing a distribution and allocation strategy for providers who need these supplies.

## **HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND – OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

1. Finalize plan for allocating first shipment of Tamiflu® to Public Health, EMS and providers
2. Activate appropriate call center capabilities to manage questions from providers and the public about vaccine availability
3. Mobilize Public Health, PH Reserve Corps, and contracted staff to support vaccine ordering process and data management needs
4. Distribute and track Tamiflu® supplies to community dispensing sites in all zones
5. Coordinate with pharmacy chains to monitor commercial Tamiflu® supplies, FluMist®, supplies, and readiness to receive additional vaccine
6. Finalize allocation plans for second shipment of vaccine expected in mid-October
7. Finalize staffing plans and address supply needs for Public Health sites and Community Vaccination sites
8. Implement communication strategy for vaccine distribution

## **MAJOR ACTIONS**

- Ongoing influenza surveillance
- Developed a plan for allocating first shipment of FluMist®
- Monitoring regional healthcare call center/nurse line call volume
- Public Health staff and Public Health Reserve Corps volunteer mobilization to support H1N1 flu and vaccine response activities
- Distributed Tamiflu® to community dispensing sites throughout King County
- Hosted conference call with regional pharmacies regarding commercial availability of Tamiflu® supplies, FluMist®
- Developing plans for operating community vaccination clinics beginning later in October

- Developing antiviral distribution plan for Tamiflu® oral suspension
- Developing communication materials and addressing media inquiries regarding H1N1 vaccine delivery
- Hosted Public Information Officer conference call with hospital/healthcare PIOs
- Developed H1N1 "Train the Trainer" curriculum and hosted first training
- Delivering H1N1 briefings to regional community partners

#### ESF-8 SITUATION STATUS REPORT – H1N1

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